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**Amendments to the Specification:**

On page 1 of the specification, please replace the first paragraph with the following paragraph:

This invention is a continuation of Patent Application No. 09/781,853, filed, February 12, 2001, which is a continuation of Patent Application No. 09/078,993, filed May 14, 1998 (now U.S. Patent 6,212,225), which relates to methods of enabling the transmission and reception of signals through unshielded twisted pairs of wires within a communications system. The invention particularly relates to a startup protocol for initiating normal transmission between transceivers within a high throughput communications system. A “high throughput” as used within the context of this disclosure may include, but is not limited to, one gigabit (GB) per second.